

ORDINANCE NO. 2004-1

**ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING REGULATIONS
GOVERNING PIERS AND RELATED STRUCTURES ON
D'ARBONNE LAKE**

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of LSA-R.S. 38:2558(11), the Board of Commissioners (the "Board") of the Bayou D'Arbonne Lake Watershed District (the "District") have the care, management, and control of Lake D'Arbonne and property owned and/or controlled by the District; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to LSA-R.S. 38:2558, the Board is empowered to make all police regulations necessary for the preservation of good order and the peace of the District, as well as to prevent injury to, destruction of, or interference with public or private property; and,

WHEREAS, LSA-R.S. 38:2559 authorizes the Board to enforce such rules and regulations as it shall deem necessary and advisable in order to protect and preserve the works, improvements and property owned by the District, and to prescribe the manner of their use by public corporations and persons, and to preserve order within and adjacent thereto; and,

WHEREAS, the Board concludes that it is in the best interest of the District and the public to adopt rules and regulations governing the use of the D'Arbonne Lake and otherwise prescribe certain rules and regulations on and around D'Arbonne Lake;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS OF THE BAYOU D'ARBONNE LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT:**

§1. The following regulations shall apply to the use of D'Arbonne Lake:

- (a) Each pier, dock, boathouse, barge or other structures extending into the Lake shall not extend more than 100 feet or 25% of cove width, whichever is less, perpendicular from the 80.0 foot mean sea level contour line of the Lake, unless written approval is obtained from the Board.
- (b) This provision shall not apply to any such existing pier or other structure constructed before July 1, 2004, but shall apply to all such existing piers and structures which are materially enlarged or altered after July 1, 2004, and shall apply to new structures constructed after July 1, 2004.
- (c) This provision shall also not apply to commercial piers or structures, although such commercial piers or structures may otherwise be regulated by the Board.

§2. The following additional guidelines are recommended on
D'Arbonne Lake:

- (a) Each pier or dock extending into the Lake may contain a porch, deck or similar structure, provided that the same shall

not be used for living quarters, and may contain a boat house or boat slips.

- (b) Posts and material touching water should be treated wood. Flooring and handrails should be treated wood (minimum 2" x 6").
- (c) All pier wiring should be placed in conduit.
- (d) All floating piers, docks, boathouses, barges and/or other structures must be securely attached or moored in an approved manner at all times and anchored properly in order to prevent such from becoming unmoored and floating away during periods of high water.

§3. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

§4. If any one or more of the provisions of this Ordinance shall, for any reason, be held to be illegal or invalid, such illegality or invalidity shall not affect any other provision of this Ordinance, but this Ordinance shall be construed and enforced as if such illegal or invalid provisions had not been contained herein. Any constitutional or statutory provision enacted after the date of this Ordinance which validates or makes legal, shall be deemed to apply to this Ordinance.

§5. This Ordinance shall become effective on July 1, 2004.

This Ordinance having been considered by a quorum of the Board of Commissioners, on motion to adopt by Commissioner Bill Roark, seconded by Commissioner Steve Cagle, the Ordinance was adopted by the following record vote.

YEAS: Commissioner Paul Bullock, Commissioner Steve Cagle, Commissioner Trott Hunt, Commissioner Bill Roark

NAYS: None


ABSENT: Commissioner Ronny Graham, Commissioner Lawrence Hill

WHEREUPON, the presiding officer declared the above Ordinance duly adopted on the 21st day of June, 2004.

ATTEST:



Paul Bullock
Secretary



Trott Hunt
President